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MARGIN OF ADVANTAGE

I LEARNED FROM AN OLD FOREST RANGER, out in the northwest, that in any group of trees the tree that can get its head six inches higher than the rest of the trees becomes the giant of the forest. Any group of people that can have a little margin of advantage over all their competitors or neighbours are going to become the giants of that group. See how the Lord has planned it for you to excel, even in financial matters, through taking care of your poor without cost to yourselves.

Then there is the Word of Wisdom, where the Lord advised us—long before science discovered it—that the use of tea, coffee, tobacco and liquor is injurious to man. The Lord said they are not good for us. This law was given for the temporal salvation of the people. When I read that last year there was consumed in tobacco alone in the United States over three billions of dollars which did not produce a single atom of benefit to the consumers, but did shorten human lives, I said: "Any people that can save this tobacco bill will naturally step ahead of all the rest, even if they did not do any more than save the amount which would otherwise be spent; but they are saving more than that." Save your tobacco bill, save your tea and coffee bill, and it will give you a financial margin over all your neighbours.

LONGER LIFE

But that is the smallest saving, for it has been discovered that even by observing it as well as we do—and it is a thing that I am proud of, to discover that so many Latter-day Saints have faith

and believe in the Word of Wisdom and its promises—it has lengthened the lives of the Latter-day Saints so that the average length of life of a Latter-day Saint is six years longer than the average of the life of any other group of citizens in these United States. What does that mean—to live six years longer than our neighbours? See what a margin of advantage we have; and while the Latter-day Saints live, they live vigorously, they live in the strength of manhood. Thus you see how the Lord has planned to solve another problem in His Gospel scheme that He has given unto us.

Is it the care of your sick? While others may spend great sums of money on doctors—and we do have a place for the doctor, all right, in that combination of faith and works—we find ourselves relieved of vast sums of money that others are paying out, because we have faith in the promises of God, that if the Elders of the Church are called in and shall anoint the sick and pray over them they shall be healed. That in itself is not only a saving in the suffering, the mental and physical suffering of the sick, which they escape by being healed through the prayer of faith, but there is a financial saving, I am sure, of millions of dollars to this people.

Take whatever problem you choose, and you will find the solution of it in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

REAL PATRIOTISM

Is it a question of patriotism?—for I want to say to you that we can not hope nor expect that this or any other country shall survive by compulsion. It is said that one-half of all the revenues gathered in this country to-day are used to police this country and take care of the prisoners! If this or any other country shall survive, it will be because they honour it, and because they recognise that principle upon which the American government was founded, namely, that the majority shall rule, and it is the business of the minority to yield obedience to the will and the decision of the majority. However, we have been taught and trained to preserve the Constitution. In this very book that I hold in my hands the Lord revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith that He raised up and inspired the men who wrote the Constitution; that it is His instrument, given for the blessing and salvation of all flesh, and that we are under obligation to pay heed unto the Constitution as much as though it were an article of our own religious faith. Here you have the foundation of real patriotism, of real Americanism, in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Latter-day Saints have it.

Is it the question of survival?—for the nation that can not practice self-control can not survive. Rome perished, not because she lacked in citizenship, not because she lacked in intelligence or good laws, but she could not survive a siege of immorality, a lack of

self-control. That is the thing that has brought ruin to nations without number before this day. There is a good deal of fear that we are headed, as far as the American government and its people are concerned, toward the same destruction, because we are losing the power of self-control. We are getting to the age that every great and prosperous country has reached, the age of self-indulgence.

MORAL STANDARD

If so, how are the Latter-day Saints prepared to meet this situation? The Lord requires the boy to be as chaste and pure as the girl he chooses to be his wife. Among us there is no double standard of morality; for we look upon sex immorality as next to murder itself. That standard, if adhered to, will preserve this people from the ruin and disaster that will overtake those who do not heed the law of God: "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

I tell you that the nation which defies that law will seal its doom. It can not survive. All the wealth and power they may acquire can not save them from inevitable ruin and destruction.

The principle of eternal marriage, wherein our young people are taught to prepare themselves to live together in union forever and forever—not merely until death shall part them—has established the perpetuity of the family. The foundation of any government must be builded well in the family, for the family is a unit, and many units make the government. If the foundation in the family is not firmly laid, then your endurance can not be counted upon.

The divorce rate in the "Mormon" Church is one-fifth the divorce rate in the United States. It ought to be less than that; and still it is a record I am proud of. It means that here is established a foundation of home security, the like of which can not be found elsewhere in all the world.

FIRST GREAT COMMANDMENT

In France they have been bemoaning their fate, fearing that they will become a decadent and lost nation; and the practice of birth control, that is denuding France of her citizenship, is sweeping over other lands. It is here! I notice California is suffering from it just now. What about you Latter-day Saints?

We have been taught to revere and regard the first great commandment God gave to men as one that must be honoured: "Multiply, and replenish the earth." Such was the commandment. Any people that disregard it shall perish, and a people who will honour it shall live, and shall survive. Our fathers and mothers were not afraid to live that law, even in the midst of their poverty; for poverty was no ban against their fulfilling that law. Now the average number of children in the Church—I believe the records show—is six children per family. Of course, there are

many families that far excel that, and some that fall below. The average number of children in the United States is less than two.

I heard an eminent gentleman say, at the first World's Christian Citizenship Conference in Portland, when he was attacking the "Mormon" Church, that unless the government did something "to stop the 'Mormons' from growing they would soon have the balance of power." I said: "If the Latter-day Saint boys and girls shall adhere to the teachings of their fathers and mothers, and shall honour that first great commandment of God, and welcome into this world those whom they have the strength and power and ability to bring, to give life unto them and be unafraid, it will not take a prophet to predict the outcome." If we will adhere to the teachings of our parents, and if the world continues to do as it is doing, we will have the voters, and whose fault will it be? Herein is laid the foundation for perpetuity and stability in the family relationship.

THE CHOICEST LAND

So I might go on with each and every question that affects the world. We have the solution of it, and it is working. It is working gloriously!

But there is another thing that is necessary. You must have your people in the right place. You must not only have the right people and the right plan, but the right place. God selected the choicest land of all the earth as the gathering place of His latter-day Zion—this great and glorious land of America, "choice above all other lands", as it was known of old—preserved, really, for the righteous, and lost to the wicked. For it has been made known to us that this is the place were Adam came. We can not reason it out; we just accept it as the word of the Lord. There are scientists and other folks who are trying to prove it, and they will get the evidence, by and by, to discover that America was the cradle of the race. Why shouldn't the Lord—the one who knew all about it—bring His children to the best part?

CONFUSION OF NAMES

So He did; but they lost it through sin and transgression. When the Ark was built, Noah and his sons went into it; the rest of the people were destroyed; and the water bore the ark upon its bosom until it landed over in the eastern world. Then men went out and gave names to the rivers and mountains that were familiar to them in the old world. That has led to confusion. Some men have identified portions of the old world where Adam and Eve lived, where their posterity multiplied and grew, but it is only a confusion of names.

When the Lord brought Lehi to this country He inspired him and his son Nephi to warn the people that the wicked could not live in this land, that if they descended into wickedness they

should lose the land, and so they did, in the great battles which swept over the land. To those who remained, the land was cursed and they had as well have been in Egypt as to have been here.

Yet their remnants lived to see the rise of a mighty nation of the Gentiles on this land. But there came also with the prediction of the mighty nation that should arise here, the warning that the Lord has never allowed a wicked nation to survive long in this land—the land of America. That warning should be taken to heart by the people of this country, for unless they serve the God of this land, who is Jesus Christ, they have no security here, and there will be no perpetuity to the institutions which they establish. The Latter-day Saints know that all these promises are conditioned upon our own righteousness; otherwise, neither can we have a habitation upon this land.

IMPRESSIVE FIGURES

I read some figures recently that impressed me very much as a confirmation of the statement that this is the right place.

For instance, this land of America, the United States, has only six per cent of the world's population, and has only seven per cent of the world's land—that is a very small fraction, you see, of the whole population, and the land of the world.

Yet this little piece of land, in comparison to the world's land, has produced sixty per cent of the world's supply of copper; forty per cent of the world's supply of lead; fifty per cent of the world's supply of zinc; sixty per cent of the world's supply of aluminium; sixty-six per cent of the world's supply of oil; seventy-five per cent of the world's supply of corn; sixty per cent of the world's supply of cotton; forty per cent of the world's supply of silver; fifty-two per cent of the world's supply of coal; forty per cent of the world's supply of iron and steel; twenty per cent of the world's supply of gold—and as I suppose more than half of the world's gold remained here following the great war; eighty-five per cent of the world's supply of automobiles—I don't know whether this is an asset or not; twenty-five per cent of the world's supply of meat, and refines eighty per cent of the copper and operates forty per cent of the world's railroads.

THIS IS THE RIGHT PLACE

Thus six per cent of the world's people, dwelling on seven per cent of the world's land, has nearly one half of the world's natural wealth! Do you think this is the right place? I do. When I discover where the Latter-day Saints are, though we did not want to be here—we would rather have been in Missouri or Illinois; but the Lord, who knew what we did not know, had His plans laid, brought us here, and we came willingly and found a place that was better than even President Young ever dreamed, I am further convinced that this is the right place.

I defy any man to circumscribe from a center any other part of the United States two hundred miles and find it equal the natural wealth that there is within a radius of two hundred miles of Salt Lake City. You will not find it. Is it not the choicest part of that "choice land"? And it has some elements that are absolutely essential to the development of a great people.

I said they must have the right place. I have discovered that there never has been a leading, powerful nation that lived in a hot country.

Cold winters are absolutely essential for the development of a virile, strong, powerful and resistant race. We are in the right place, for we have all these natural advantages for the development of strength and power, in this land that God has given us.

FOUNDATION FOR STRENGTH

We might have gone to California; it was all open. We might have gone to Oregon. Indeed, the Prophet had it in his mind once to go there; but the Lord hedged up the way. That would have been in a beautiful country—yes—where there is plenty of rain. We would not have needed irrigation. Ninety inches of rain falls every year in Portland and one hundred twelve inches at the seaside. They do not build irrigation canals, and they have plenty of timber. The forests were full of game; the streams stocked with fish and everything favourable for man. But I discover that where nature does a lot for man, he generally does but little for himself.

You will find men living under the bread tree, and they are not willing to exert themselves except to reach up and pluck the fruit; but where a man has to work hard, to toil, there you have the foundation for greatness and strength. We had to build the irrigation canals and to subdue the desert, to make it blossom as the rose. It has made the people what they are. It has been achieved through these struggles and these battles with the elements. While all this abundance is here, it can not be had easily; otherwise we would soon be outnumbered. It may not be possible for men to live as easily here as elsewhere, but there is that element of struggle that is necessary to develop real character, real manhood, real womanhood. We will never reach the condition where we will be really independent of God; for we depend upon Him, we look to Him for His aid and help and His sustenance.

FORWARD IN CONFIDENCE

Then we have an inspired Prophet of God to interpret that plan and we have a people who listen to him. How I contrast our condition with that of others who claim to have real leadership, but can not agree upon any plan that is proposed. They are always quarreling. But here is the Lord's plan, and there is

no discord. It is clearly made known, and the inspiration of the Lord indicates what is the next thing to do. When that word is given, the people march forward in confidence toward its consummation. We are not boastful; but here are indeed the elements that will make any people mighty and great: the right people, the right plan, in the right place, and under the right leadership. Nothing but success and victory can come if we shall adhere to the plan and listen to the leadership that God has given us. Are we listening to His servants? My soul was thrilled when last Wednesday the hosts of Israel, young men and young women of this Church, marched down the streets of this city with their banners flying, victorious songs upon their lips, faith in their hearts, the spirit of God as a blessing and benediction upon them, a witness to the world that the third, the fourth, the fifth and the sixth generations of Latter-day Saints are going on, marching forward in the footsteps of their fathers, toward the consummation of God's great purposes.

We have a mission and a destiny; let us not lose sight of it, nor of the plan and the way by which God hopes to bring us to a full realisation of it, I pray, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

MYSELF

I HAVE TO LIVE WITH MYSELF, and so
I want to be fit for myself to know.
I want to be able as days go by
Always to look myself straight in the eye.
I don't want to stand with the setting sun
And hate myself for the things I've done.

I don't want to hide on a closet shelf
A lot of secrets about myself,
And fool myself as I come and go
Into thinking that nobody else will know
What kind of man I really am;
I don't want to dress up myself in sham.

I want to go out with my head erect
I want to deserve all men's respect,
And in this struggle for fame and pelf
I want to be able to like myself.
I don't want to look at myself and know
That I'm bluster and bluff and empty show.

I can not hide myself from me;
I see what others can never see;
I know what others may never know;
I can not fool myself, and so
Whatever happens I want to be
Self-respecting and conscience free.

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EDITORIAL

LEADERSHIP AND THE AUXILIARIES

Leadership—the magic power by which chaotic material is brought into organised form—how much we need it! There is a widespread call for its commanding influence; there is a well defined need which it alone can satisfy.

Leaders are of two classes, those that work for evil, and those that work for good. Of the former there are some who have aroused the baser motives in men, transformed them into mere animals, and hurled their destructive force against all that is good. Of the latter class are those who have inspired in others uplifting aspiration, and have directed their unified efforts to the achievement of righteous aims. In this latter group are found all of the truly great men of the past and present. To these we are indebted for our progress, our civilisation and our enlightenment.

Both classes are leaders, but the world would be better off if the leaders in wrong-doing had never been born; and it has been greatly benefited because the leaders in well-doing were born.

Both classes possess active minds; both are intellectually superior; both are capable of doing great things. The same advantage that enables men to be captains of righteousness can, if misdirected, make them a menace to their community. But leaders do not come, ordinarily, by chance. True it is that some—a very few—possess a genius for leadership, but the majority of men must be trained for this work. It requires study and hard work, individual effort and application. In addition to these essential qualities in the individual it is necessary that the training be supervised by an organisation whose sole aim and purpose is the betterment of mankind.

This need is satisfied in the splendid aids known as the Auxiliary Organisations which form an integral part of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is the purpose of these associations to train young men and young women to think and act for themselves, to develop them intellectually, in short, to make of them leaders in righteousness in the truest sense of the word.

In the performance of this work care is taken to deal with the needs of the individual, for in this way only can the community as a whole be bettered. Each member who attends the meetings is given the opportunity of presenting his ideas in the lessons,

improving his talents by taking part on preliminary programs, and in numerous other ways to develop and train himself, thus acquiring the essential qualities of leadership—initiative and ability.

The fact is recognised that training must be had in a temporal, as well as in a spiritual way, and such topics as thrift, industry, public health and allied subjects are considered in addition to the religious training given.

If utilised fully, the Auxiliaries are of inestimable value to the young people of the Church. Upon these organisations rests the responsibility of training the future leaders of our people.—JUNIUS S. ROMNEY.

FOUNTAIN OF TRUTH

WE HEAR FREQUENTLY of men who throw discredit on the doctrine of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer, because some of the principles, doctrines, and philosophy which He taught are said to have been spoken before His day by heathen philosophers.

A variety of examples are sometimes quoted to show that the ideals which have grown from the doctrines of Christ are a direct development of what is found in the teachings of the Old Testament, particularly in the Psalms and in the second part of Isaiah. But, on the other hand, it is just as certain that these ideals received a finish and an enrichment by the touch of the Saviour, vastly beyond and above what they possessed before, and also they are placed on deeper and firmer foundations. This, let it be said to begin with, is because they were His before they were ever uttered by man.

Even in the five distinctive and characteristic topics generally considered by commentators original in the teachings of Jesus, we find little if anything new, except the enlargement. These are named as the fatherhood of God, the kingdom of God; subjects or members of the kingdom; the Messiah; the Holy Ghost; and the tri-nuity of God.

But the idea of the fatherhood of God was not unknown either to the Pagans or to Israel. Zeus, from the time of Homer, had borne the name "father of gods and men." But, both in Jewish and Pagan literature, the idea was superficial and meant little more than "originator" (Gen. 1:26); and in the old Jewish Scripture God is more particularly called the Father of His people, Israel (Deut. 14:1; Isaiah 63:16). But in the teachings of Christ there is a fuller embodiment of revelation in the word father, and the application which He makes of the fatherhood of God invests His life with supreme tenderness and beauty. As an example: In the old Scripture, we are told, "Like as a father

pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him" (Psalms 103: 13); but by the interpretation of Jesus, the love of God as Father extends beyond these limitations even to those who are unthankful and evil: "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matt. 5: 44, 45). "But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil" (Luke 6: 35).

And so with other doctrines of Christ; while perhaps not new they are enriched by the addition of fuller, broader, more loving conceptions of God and His purposes, in which compulsion was eliminated and lowly service, love, and self-sacrifice were substituted and made the true forces of an acceptable life. Even the answer to the lawyer's question, often called the eleventh commandment: "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" had been given to the children of Israel (Lev. 19: 18) over two thousand years before its perfected meaning was impressed upon the learned Pharisee (Matt. 22: 34-40).

But what of all this? Are we therefore to discredit the teachings of the Saviour? Verily no. Let it be remembered that Christ was with the Father from the beginning and is from everlasting to everlasting. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost, as one God, are the fountain of truth. From this fountain all the ancient learned philosophers have received their inspiration and wisdom—from it they have received all their knowledge. If we find truth in broken fragments through the ages, it may be set down as an incontrovertible fact that it originated at the fountain, and was given to philosophers, inventors, patriots, reformers, and prophets by the inspiration of God. It came from Him through His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost, in the first place, and from no other source. It is eternal.

Christ, therefore, being the fountain of truth, is no imitator. He taught the truth first; it was His before it was given to man. When He came to the earth He not only proclaimed new thought, but repeated some of the everlasting principles which had been heretofore only partly understood and enunciated by the wisest of men. And in so doing He enlarged in every instance upon the wisdom which they had originally received from Him, because of His superior abilities and wisdom and His association with the Father and the Holy Ghost. He did not imitate men. They made known in their imperfect way what the inspiration of Jesus Christ had taught them, for they obtained their enlightenment first from Him.

Christ taught the Gospel to Adam and made known His truths to Abraham and the prophets. He was the inspirer of the ancient philosophers, Pagan or Israelite, as well as of the great characters of modern times. Columbus, in discovery; Washington, in the struggle for freedom; Lincoln, in emancipation and union; Bacon, in philosophy; Franklin, in statesmanship and diplomacy; Stephenson, in steam; Watts, in song; Edison, in electricity, and Joseph Smith, in theology and religion, found in Christ the source of their wisdom and the marvelous truths which they advocated.

Calvin, Luther, Melanchthon, and all the reformers were inspired in thoughts, words, and actions, to accomplish what they did for the amelioration, liberty and advancement of the human race. They paved the way for the more perfect Gospel of truth to come. Their inspiration, as with that of the ancients, came from the Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost, the one true and living God. This may also truthfully be said concerning the Revolutionary fathers of this nation, and all who have in the ages past contributed to the progress of civil and religious freedom. There is no light nor truth which did not come to them first from Him. Men are mere repeaters of what He has taught them. He has voiced no thoughts originating with man. The teachings of Jesus did not begin with His incarnation; for, like truth, He is eternal. He not only inspired the ancients from the beginning, but when He came to earth He reiterated eternal, original truth, and added gloriously to the revelations men had uttered. When He returned to the Father He still took and does take an interest in His children and people, by revealing to them new truths, and by inspiring their actions; and, as men grow in the knowledge of God, they shall become more and more like Him unto the perfect day, when His knowledge shall cover the earth as the waters cover the deep.

It is folly, therefore, to discredit the Saviour on the grounds that He uttered nothing new; for, with the Father and the Spirit, He is the author of that which persists—the truth—that which has been, that which is, and that which will continue forever.—President Joseph F. Smith in *Gospel Doctrine*.

LIFE ETERNAL

Aubrey F. Parker

The central theme of all the great religions is "Life Beyond the Tomb." Man, with his multitude of maladies to which the flesh is heir, likes to look above and beyond this vale of human effort to a more enduring realm where peace and plenty will be the lot of all.

The prophet's mission in all ages has been to raise the curtain of

doubt and to reveal God at the helm of the ship of life. Much of man's work has to do with purely temporal affairs, but in the Divine economy of things we believe that even temporal things have a great and indelible effect upon man, the marks of which can not be eradicated, worlds without end.

The multitude of men who have thronged the pathways of this little world of ours, as a rule, have had a yearning for higher things, and religion has that elevating influence upon the minds and lives of men.

Man lives not for time alone, whether he believes it or not, and in the timeless ages of the eternities to come he is going to work and weave wondrous things, the like of which no mind can conceive. Man is wonderfully made and his life is undoubtedly an evolving from a lower to a higher mode of living.

Eternal progression is a principle of the everlasting Gospel. Man is born to make headway, humanly and divinely, from the cradle to the casket, both of which are sacred to Latter-day Saints. He is destined to develop characteristics which prove him to be of Divine origin, and also to be destined to go onward for ever as a child of God.

Great and glorious are the potentialities of the man of God. The meek are destined to inherit the earth, and right here will be the kingdom of righteousness.

The restored Gospel of Jesus Christ, given to the world through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith, is wielding a world-wide influence for the good of mankind. It is the true God-story and plan of progression, proclaimed in the meridian of time by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. And this Gospel, whether men receive it or not, is going to be the standard by which men will be judged as to their worthiness to come up higher into the kingdom prepared for them.

The message of the Saviour, when declared by Him, was obnoxious to the many, and received only by the few. And so it is to-day, although this is undoubtedly the "marvelous work and a wonder" foretold by prophets, which is being testified of to the children of men. In these latter days men are undoubtedly "lovers of self" rather than of God. But the desire for an immortal life still prevails among men.

Man is an everlasting entity; it is impossible to annihilate his wondrous spirit. It is kindred to the gods. So if we ponder on the magnitude of man's mission here, we lose ourselves in the ocean of God's love. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3: 16). So that the Christ life is that energiser which gives life more abundantly.

Life eternal is the gift of God to those who obey the Gospel of His Son. For it is life eternal to know Him and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.

To know God is to have the key to eternal life. So let us seek to know Him through His word, revealed to men both in ancient and in modern times. Listen to the message of the hour—the Gospel of the kingdom given by the angel seen by the Apostle John (Rev. 14: 6, 7). It will open up wonders to your yearning spirit and satisfy your soul's desire.

ACTION AND THOUGHT

THERE ARE TWO REQUIREMENTS to a well rounded life. There must be action, that is vivid work and adventure, and there must also be thought or contemplation.

A life is incomplete without a proper mixture of both of these two. It goes without saying that if a life is composed entirely of thought and reflection it is wasted. It never amounts to anything.

Thought is only good as it is translated into action and the purpose of thought is to prepare for action. Beside this the very best thought comes as a result of action. Without that, thought can be of little value unless it is put into practice.

The opposite, however, is equally true, that continued action without sufficient thought is useless.

On the one hand, as Mrs. Allinson says in her book, "Friends with Life", a teacher is continually crying, "Come in and reflect. Come to our libraries and laboratories. Come to history and literature and science. Think out what is good and true and beautiful. Here lies the secret of life."

The response often is, especially from the young: "Oh, no, the secret of life is not among your musty books or laws or principles. It must be found on the athletic field, in the ballroom, on the river when the moon is full, in the automobile when the roads are shadowy, in friendships, in loves, in experiments, in adventures, in action—action—action."

The true secret of life is found only by those who combine these two things. There must be action enough to justify the thought and there must be thought enough behind the action to make it worth while. A life of the two, properly balanced, is the only normal life.

It is well to think carefully before you act, but it is easy to fall into the way of thinking too much and not acting at all. It is always well to remember that action is the check on thought just as thought is the preparation for action.—EXCHANGE.

THE SPIRIT OF SIMPLICITY is a great magician. It softens asperities, bridges chasms, draws together hearts and hands. The forms it takes in the world are infinite in number.

"BY THIS YOU MAY KNOW MY DISCIPLES"

Elder Thomas O. Smith of the London Conference

A knowledge of the faith promoting experiences of traveling missionaries who have carried the message of the Gospel to the people of the world both in former days and in latter days gives one a desire to engage in similar activity. Such a wish has been fully realised during the past five weeks by Elders Dan A. Hickman and Thomas O. Smith, who received the appointment to visit the scattered members throughout the London Conference, and engage in whatever missionary work was possible in the course of the tour.

An endeavour was made to search out people in the remote parts of the conference where missionaries had not recently been. A total of sixty-five families of members was visited. They were all living in a scattered condition, away from any regularly organised branch of the Church. Many of them had not seen missionaries for a long time—some for eight, some for ten, and some for twelve years; yet in spite of the long separation most of them had remained faithful. Their knowledge of the Gospel was from such a source that mere isolation could not lessen their testimonies. Almost without exception a hearty welcome was extended for they were glad to see the missionaries and renew their associations with the members of the Church. Their appreciation was manifested by offering every kindness possible and also by rendering material assistance. A place to stay was prepared on sixteen nights, and sixty-five meals were provided free of charge.

The Lord indeed prepares the way according to His promises. One Sister was waiting at the door to offer a welcome. She had watched the missionaries approach from the distance. Another upon opening the door said in a thankful voice, "You are the Elders, aren't you? I am very glad you have come. I have been wishing you would come, praying you would come, for my little daughter is ill, and I want you to administer to her." The faith directed request was complied with, and through the blessing of the Lord the little girl was permitted to enjoy a peaceful night's rest. These are but typical of many incidents portraying the spirit of the members.

The work with non-members was also full of interest, and means were provided by which the story of the restoration of the Gospel could be presented. Some were sufficiently interested to ask for literature that would provide means for further study.

The trip was rich in genuine missionary interest and joy, and saw a very literal fulfillment of Scriptural promise which says that "Whoso receiveth you, there I will be also, for I will go

before your face. I will be on your right hand and on you left, and my Spirit shall be in your hearts, and mine angels round about you, to bear you up. . . . And he who feeds you, or clothes you, or gives you money, shall in nowise lose his reward."

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Outing—On September 3rd the members of the Lowestoft Branch M. I. A. held an outing on the River Waveney.

Transfer—Elder Z. Vernon Derrick has been transferred from the Nottingham Conference to the Liverpool Office.

Concert—On August 22nd a concert was given in the Leeds Branch at which a splendid program was rendered, principally by friends of the Church.

Union Meetings—Of the Birmingham Conference at Handsworth, Birmingham, on September 5th.

Of the Nottingham Conference on September 5th at Nottingham.

Departure—Elder William A. Monson, honourably released from his labours as President of the Newcastle Conference of the British Mission, sailed for his home, Friday, September 4th, per s.s. *Montcalm*.

Baptism—A baptismal service was held in Eastwood (Nottingham Conference) on September 6th. Four candidates were baptised by Elder Z. Vernon Derrick and confirmed by President Boyd H. Ririe and Elders A. Reed Moss, Harvey P. Foster, and Joseph Robinson.

Socials—A farewell social was held in the Nottingham Branch on September 5th in honour of Elder Z. Vernon Derrick who has been transferred.

A social was held by the M. I. A. of the Cheltenham Branch (Bristol Conference) on September 2nd.

In honour of Brother and Sister James Asquith and family, who are emigrating to Utah, a farewell social was held in the Barnsley Branch (Sheffield Conference) on Tuesday, September 1st.

Missionary Meetings—Of the Norwich Conference at Lowestoft on August 28th at which Elder Clifford D. Gough gave a talk on "Organisation."

Of the Nottingham Conference at Nottingham on September

5th at which Elder Grant M. Broadhead gave a talk on the Ninth Article of Faith.

Of the Birmingham Conference at Handsworth, Birmingham, on September 5th. Considerable progress was reported in country tracting.

Branch Conferences—Of the Portsmouth Branch (London Conference) on August 29th. President Carl E. Pettersson, Elders Devirl B. Stewart, Dan A. Hickman, Lynn Lay, and Joseph F. Smith, and Sister Grace N. Stewart were the speakers.

Of the Saltley Branch (Birmingham Conference) on September 6th. The speakers were Elders Morgan Hawkes and Milton England.

Of the Woodhouse Branch (Sheffield Conference) on July 30th. President James H. Bowns, Elder Henry D. Bradford, and Brothers Samuel Gratton and Henry Fielding were the speakers.

DEATHS

TAZEWELL—On Thursday, August 20th, Brother George H. Tazewell died very suddenly at his home in Newport (Welsh Conference). Brother Tazewell has been a faithful member of the Church for twenty-seven years, and was President of the Newport Branch at the time of his death. Funeral services were held at the home on August 25th, with President Wendell R. Anderson in charge. The speakers were Elders John E. Barker and Richard C. Thomas; and the grave was dedicated by Elder Thomas Biggs Jr.

SMITH—Sister Elizabeth E. Smith of the Strond Branch (Bristol Conference) died in London on September 2nd. Sister Smith was born December 3, 1864, and was baptised August 27, 1917, by Elder Henry C. Phipps, since which time she has been a faithful member of the Church. Funeral services were held at Stroud, September 5th, under the direction of President Ianthus L. Richards. Elder Lee W. Lund dedicated the grave.

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